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Dear Sir:

The following remarks are offered in response to the Examiner's Office Action dated 01/02/2003. They are respectfully submitted as a full and complete response to that Action.

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the above-referenced application in view of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 3-16 are pending in this case.

The Examiner rejected claims 1, 3, 5-6 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by McDevitt et al. (U.S. 5,494,860).